4.5 Present and past modal structures

1 Choose the correct sentence to describe each situation.

0 Never make this mistake again – it's very important.
a You ought to make this mistake again.
b You mustn't make this mistake again.

1 When we arrived at school for the first lesson, it turned out it was cancelled.
a We didn't need to come to the first lesson.
b We needn't have come to the first lesson.

2 You won't regret putting effort into this – it's the best advice I can give you.
a You'd better put some effort into this.
b You'd better not put any effort into this.

3 She hurried to the station but the train was delayed and she had to wait there for two more hours.
a She didn't need to hurry to the station.
b She needn't have hurried to the station.

4 It would be better if you washed your hair less often.
a You ought not to wash your hair so often.
b You ought to wash your hair more often.

5 I didn't apply for that job and now I regret it.
a I ought to apply for that job.
b I should have applied for that job.

6 It's very important that you take these symptoms seriously.
a You must ignore these symptoms.
b You mustn't ignore these symptoms.

7 She left the house early so she had a lot of time to get to the station on time.
a She didn't need to hurry to the station.
b She needn't have hurried to the station.

8 The teacher told us the first lesson the next day was going to be cancelled.
a We didn't need to come to the first lesson.
b We needn't have come to the first lesson.

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2 Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. Use the words in capitals.

0 It wasn't necessary for me to go to the dentist. HAVE *I didn't have to go to the dentist*.
1 They're not allowed to stay out that late. MUSTN'T
They _____.

2 It wasn't necessary for you to prepare anything (so I'm glad you didn't). NEED
You _____ _____.

3 It's not a good idea for you to spend all of that money. SHOULDN'T
You _____.

4 It would have been better if you had told me. TO
You _____.

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5 I think you should ask your parents for permission. BETTER
You _____.

6 It would have been better if you had talked to her. SHOULD
You _____.

7 I bought some bread and then realised Mum had bought some too. NEEDN'T
I _____.

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3. Choose the correct option.

1 When the party was over, she realised she ***didn't need to cook/ didn't have to cook/ needn't have cooked*** so much food as most of it was untouched.

2 It was his day off yesterday. That's why he ***didn't need to get up/ shouldn't get up/ needn't have got up*** early.

3 It's never too late, ***isn't it/ has it/ is it***?

4 No one saw him, ***did he/ did they/ didn't they***?

5 You ***needn't have called/ had better not call/ didn't have to call*** him after 10 p.m. He'll have gone to bed.

6 A: My parents never let me go to concerts.

B: ***Don't they? / Do they?/ Did they?*** What a shame!

7 There's no homework for tomorrow, ***is there/ had there/ isn't there*** ?

8 My sister ***ought to/ had better/ had to*** go to bed early because she had an exam the next day.

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